

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1 and 6 and add claims 9-12, such that the status of the claims is as follows:

1. (Amended) A method of providing automated checkout by a guest from a lodging facility having an entertainment system with a headend connected through a distribution system to a plurality of guest terminals located in guest rooms of the lodging facility, the method comprising:

maintaining a listing of charges to a guest's account in a property management system;

providing an option on the entertainment system for the guest to review the listing of charges of the lodging facility;

accessing the property management system to obtain the listing of charges upon a request by the guest through a guest terminal in a room occupied by the guest;

displaying for review on a the guest terminal a listing of charges to the guest's account;

performing a checkout of the guest based upon the listing of charges in response to a selection made by the guest at the guest terminal; and

sending a receipt electronically to a destination provided by the guest, which includes a checkout receipt for the listing of charges.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the receipt includes date information, charges information, and lodging facility location information.

3. (Original) The method of claim 1 and further comprising:
prompting the guest to enter a destination in response to the selection made by the guest.

4. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein sending a receipt electronically comprises:
sending an e-mail to an e-mail address provided by the guest.
5. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein sending a receipt electronically comprises:
sending a facsimile transmission to a facsimile phone number provided by the guest.
6. (Amended) A method of providing automated checkout by a guest from a lodging facility having an entertainment system with a headend connected through a distribution system to a plurality of guest terminals, the method comprising:
- maintaining a listing of charges to a guest's account in a property management system;
- providing an option on the entertainment system for the guest to review the listing of charges of the lodging facility;
- accessing the property management system to obtain the listing of charges upon a request by the guest;
- displaying for review on a the guest terminal a listing of charges to a guest's account;
- performing a checkout of the guest based upon the listing of charges in response to a selection made by the guest at the guest terminal;
- formatting the data containing the charges to a guest's account to an appropriate form in response to a choice of receipt delivery destination provided by the guest; and
- sending a receipt electronically to a destination provided by the guest, which includes a checkout receipt for the listing of charges.
7. (Previously added) The method of claim 6 wherein sending a receipt electronically comprises:
sending an e-mail to an e-mail address provided by the guest.

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8. (Previously added) The method of claim 6 wherein sending a receipt electronically comprises:
~~sending a facsimile transmission to a facsimile phone number provided by the guest.~~

9. (New) The method of claim 6 wherein the receipt includes date information, charges information, and lodging facility location information.

10. (New) The method of claim 6 and further comprising:
prompting the guest to enter a destination in response to the selection made by the guest.

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11. (New) The method of claim 6 wherein performing a checkout of the guest further comprises:
authorizing payment for charges through a credit card number previously given to the hotel and stored in the property management system.

12. (New) The method of claim 1 wherein performing a checkout of the guest further comprises:
authorizing payment for changes through a credit card number previously given to the hotel and stored in the property management system.
